



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending October 12, 2008

Agricultural Summary

Most counties received light to moderate rainfall during the week, but farmers still had 5.9 **days suitable for fieldwork** to harvest corn and soybeans, each advancing 11 points during the week. Row crop harvest and wheat planting is well behind the normal pace. Some reporters in the northeast district commented that harvest may continue into winter. State-wide, **topsoil moisture** rates 2 percent very short, 17 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. **Fall tillage** is 18 percent complete.

Field Crops Report

Ninety-one percent of the **corn** crop is mature, 20 days behind last year and normal. Harvest is 41 percent complete, 28 days behind last year and 24 days behind normal. Overall, condition is rated 4 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Ninety-one percent of the **soybean** crop is turning color, 12 days behind normal. Sixty-nine percent is dropping leaves, and forty-nine percent is mature, over a week behind last year and normal. Harvest is 20 percent complete, over a week behind normal. Soybean condition is rated 5 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 35 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. **Rice** harvest is 76 percent complete, almost two weeks behind last year and almost a week behind normal. **Cotton** harvest is 37 percent complete, 20 days behind last year and 4 days behind normal. Cotton condition is rated 3 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. **Sorghum** turning color is almost complete at 97 percent, with 73 percent mature, 15 days behind normal. Sorghum harvest is 37 percent complete, 10 days behind last year and 15 days behind normal. Sorghum condition is rated 2 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** is 18 percent planted, 6 days behind last year and almost a week behind normal. Emergence is at 6 percent, 5 days behind normal.

Pasture & Livestock

Pasture conditions is rated 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 52 percent good and 10 percent excellent. Rain is needed in the drier areas to improve pasture conditions and fall seedings.

Weather Summary

Temperatures ranged from 4 to 9 degrees above average across the State. **Rainfall** for the week averaged 0.51, ranging from 0.21 inches in the west-central district to 0.94 inches in the southeast district.

Audio Commentary

Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Audio Commentary by State Director Gene Danekas is available at:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Missouri/Publications/Audio/

Weather Data

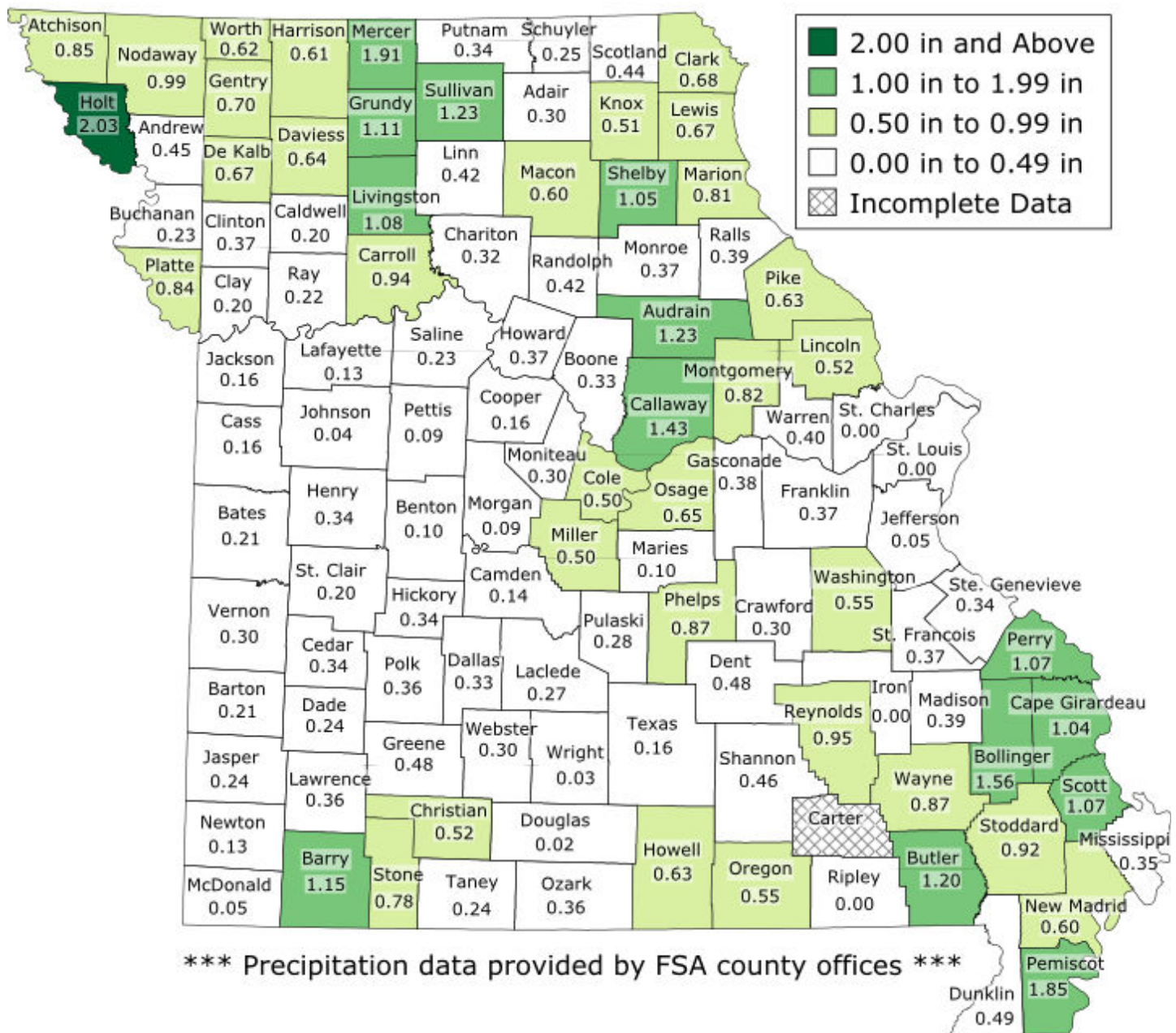
Hourly and daily weather data from stations throughout the state is available at:

<http://agebb.missouri.edu/weather/history/>

District Summaries As Of October 12, 2008

	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	5.9	5.6	5.8	4.9	6.2	6.2	5.7	7.0	6.3	6.1
Last Year	5.6	4.4	4.5	5.9	5.7	5.7	6.6	6.4	6.5	6.4
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	7	19
Short	17	8	7	5	16	14	35	27	39	15
Adequate	75	87	81	73	81	85	65	67	53	66
Surplus	6	5	12	22	2	1	0	5	1	0
Corn Mature, Percent										
This Year	91	93	89	69	97	98	90	96	99	100
Last Year	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Normal	100									
Corn Harvested, Percent										
This Year	41	20	33	10	35	64	35	66	52	91
Last Year	82	57	81	73	94	95	97	90	99	100
Normal	79									
Soybeans Mature, Percent										
This Year	49	69	54	43	32	52	21	12	35	48
Last Year	75	71	82	88	56	82	84	21	65	71
Normal	75									
Soybeans Harvested, Percent										
This Year	20	19	22	15	9	42	9	1	11	23
Last Year	42	28	45	53	31	43	58	9	38	51
Normal	40									
Sorghum Harvested, Percent										
This Year	37	35	18	6	27	8	3	38	56	86
Last Year	54	49	49	59	59	38	60	30	64	98
Normal	61									
Winter Wheat Planted, Percent										
This Year	18	25	6	10	17	15	21	12	23	27
Last Year	35	28	33	50	29	33	33	26	46	37
Normal	34									
Winter Wheat Emerged, Percent										
This Year	6	7	3	2	3	5	10	4	15	9
Last Year	13	7	10	21	11	13	13	9	35	13
Normal	12									
Corn Condition										
Very Poor	4	4	6	8	2	5	4	0	1	0
Poor	14	15	13	23	5	19	8	1	6	11
Fair	34	37	43	37	31	31	25	44	23	23
Good	39	39	29	26	50	34	54	54	44	50
Excellent	9	5	9	6	12	11	9	1	26	16
Soybean Condition										
Very Poor	5	7	5	4	1	4	4	0	0	6
Poor	15	13	13	23	8	19	13	2	8	16
Fair	35	41	39	43	37	31	26	54	28	22
Good	35	31	34	26	41	33	49	42	21	43
Excellent	10	8	9	4	13	13	8	2	43	13
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Poor	6	7	6	2	2	2	0	7	15	11
Fair	31	33	25	36	36	18	23	42	40	55
Good	52	56	47	48	48	68	60	48	44	28
Excellent	10	3	20	14	14	11	17	3	1	6
Average Precipitation	0.51	0.64	0.74	0.68	0.21	0.37	0.40	0.42	0.41	0.94

Precipitation for Week Ending October 12, 2008



Precipitation for Four Weeks Ending October 12, 2008

